

review ("POR"). If these preliminary results are adopted in our final results of this administrative review, we will instruct the U.S. Bureau of Customs and Border Protection ("BCBP") to assess antidumping duties equal to the difference between constructed export price and normal value.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 7, 2003.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 1, 2002, the Department published in the **Federal Register** a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on SSSS from Italy. *See Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity to Request Administrative Review*, 67 FR 44172, (July 1, 2002). On July 29, 2002, TKAST requested that the Department conduct an administrative review of the antidumping duty order. On August 27, 2002, the Department initiated an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on SSSS from Italy with regard to TKAST. *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Requests for Revocation in Part*, 67 FR 55000 (August 27, 2002).

On August 30, 2002, the Department issued an antidumping duty questionnaire to TKAST. On October 4, 2002, TKAST submitted its response to Section A of the questionnaire. TKAST requested in its October 4, 2002, Section A response at page A-4, that TKAST not be required to report the downstream sales of all affiliated parties but only report certain downstream sales. October 18, 2002, the Department sent TKAST a letter in which it allowed TKAST to report on certain downstream sales. *See Letter from Department to TKAST dated October 18, 2002.* Also in its October 4, 2002, Section A response at page A-4, TKAST requested, that with regard to the U.S. sales, it not be required to report the downstream sales of a certain affiliate and that TKAST was also unable to determine if any downstream sales were made by a certain affiliate to an unaffiliated party. In its October 18, 2003, letter to TKAST, the Department stated that TKAST was required to report all of TKAST's

affiliate's resales to unaffiliated customers in the United States.

On October 15, 2002, TKAST submitted its responses to Sections B, C and D of the questionnaire. The Department issued its supplemental section A questionnaire on December 20, 2002, and on January 17, 2003, TKAST submitted its supplemental Section A response. On February 4, 2003, the Department issued its supplemental Section B questionnaire and on February 28, 2003, TKAST submitted its supplemental Section B response. The Department issued its supplemental Section C questionnaire on February 26, 2003, and on March 25, 2003, TKAST submitted its supplemental Section C response. On March 12, 2003, TKAST submitted an updated Section D response. On March 21, 2003, the Department issued its supplemental Section D questionnaire to TKAST. On April 18, 2003, TKAST submitted its supplemental Section D response. The Department issued its second supplemental Sections A-C questionnaire on April 23, 2003, and its third supplemental Sections A-C questionnaire on May 20, 2003. TKAST submitted the second supplemental Sections A-C response on May 13, 2003, and the third supplemental Sections A-C response on May 23, 2003. On May 13, 2003, the Department issued the second supplemental Section D questionnaire, and TKAST submitted its second supplemental section D response on May 27, 2003.

Under section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, the Department may extend the deadline for completion of an administrative review if it determines that it is not practicable to complete the review within the statutory time limit. On March 24, 2003, the Department extended the time limit for the preliminary results in this administrative review by 120 days. *See Notice of Extension of Time Limit of the Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils From Italy*, 68 FR 14196 (March 24, 2003).

Period of Review

The POR is July 1, 2001, through June 30, 2002.

Verification

As provided in section 782(i) of the Act, the Department conducted a sales and cost verification of the information provided by TKAST, from June 9, 2003, through June 16, 2003, and a constructed export price ("CEP") verification from May 28, 2003, through May 30, 2003, using standard verification procedures, including an

examination of relevant sales, cost, and financial records, and a selection of relevant original documentation. Our verification results are outlined in the Report on the Sales and Cost Verification of ThyssenKrupp Acciai Speciali Terni S.p.A. (July 21, 2003) ("*Sales and Cost Verification Report*"), and Verification of Constructed Export Price Sales for ThyssenKrupp Acciai Speciali Terni USA, Inc. (July 29, 2003) ("*CEP Verification Report*"). Public versions of the verification reports are on file in the Central Records Unit, room B-099 of the Herbert C. Hoover Department of Commerce building, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

Scope of the Review

For purposes of this administrative review, the products covered are certain stainless steel sheet and strip in coils. Stainless steel is an alloy steel containing, by weight, 1.2 percent or less of carbon and 10.5 percent or more of chromium, with or without other elements. The subject sheet and strip is a flat-rolled product in coils that is greater than 9.5 mm in width and less than 4.75 mm in thickness, and that is annealed or otherwise heat treated and pickled or otherwise descaled. The subject sheet and strip may also be further processed (*e.g.*, cold-rolled, polished, aluminized, coated, *etc.*) provided that it maintains the specific dimensions of sheet and strip following such processing.

The merchandise subject to this review is currently classifiable in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTS") at subheadings:

7219.13.0031, 7219.13.0051, 7219.13.0071, 7219.1300.81,¹ 7219.14.0030, 7219.14.0065, 7219.14.0090, 7219.32.0005, 7219.32.0020, 7219.32.0025, 7219.32.0035, 7219.32.0036, 7219.32.0038, 7219.32.0042, 7219.32.0044, 7219.33.0005, 7219.33.0020, 7219.33.0025, 7219.33.0035, 7219.33.0036, 7219.33.0038, 7219.33.0042, 7219.33.0044, 7219.34.0005, 7219.34.0020, 7219.34.0025, 7219.34.0030, 7219.34.0035, 7219.35.0005, 7219.35.0015, 7219.35.0030, 7219.35.0035, 7219.90.0010, 7219.90.0020, 7219.90.0025, 7219.90.0060, 7219.90.0080, 7220.12.1000, 7220.12.5000, 7220.20.1010, 7220.20.1015, 7220.20.1060,

¹ Due to changes to the HTS numbers in 2001, 7219.13.0030, 7219.13.0050, 7219.13.0070, and 7219.13.0080 are now 7219.13.0031, 7219.13.0051, 7219.13.0071, and 7219.13.0081, respectively.